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For : **LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE STENT**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7-17, without prejudice and add the following new claims.

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (amended). A cylindrical expandable stent comprising:
- a first loop containing section arranged in a circumferential direction and defining loops therein occurring at a first frequency;
 - a second loop containing section arranged in the circumferential direction and defining loops therein occurring at the first frequency;
 - a third loop containing section disposed in a generally circumferential space between the first loop containing section and the second loop containing section and coupling the first loop containing section to the second loop

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